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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

These documents were cited during prosecution of copending parent application no. 09/640,724, filed August 18, 2000.

Japanese patent document number 2574818 is discussed on page 5 of the subject specification and relates to a vacuum suction anchor block.


Japanese patent document number 2821678 is discussed on pages 6-8 of the subject specification and relates to a suction device for a substrate and an aligner.

Applicants request that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed to be due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US-5,923,408	07/13/1999	Takabayashi	355	53	
	US-6,137,562	10/24/2000	Masuyuki et al.	355	73	
	US-6,184,972	02/06/2001	Mizutani et al.	355	72	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
2574818	10/24/1996	Japan			Abstract
2821678	09/04/1998	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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